

he would have ready at hand, both for our Indian Homes for children, and for other needy subjects.

But something more than mere giving is wanted. We must give with *cheerfulness*.

Now read II. Cor. ix., 6-7, and compare with this Exodus xxv., 2, where stress lies upon "willingly, with his heart." God loves a *cheerful* giver, and no other kind of giver will He accept.

The old heathen seem to have understood this, thousands of years ago, for among the Egyptian hieroglyphics that have been lately deciphered is a naked child, with a heart in his hand, giving honey to a bee without wings.

The child represents the humility of charity, the heart in his hand the cheerfulness of charity, and the giving honey to a bee without wings the worthiness and helplessness of the object of charity.

Let us all ask ourselves whether we can trace this word "cheerful" in our alms, or whether, on the other hand, we dislike to give, and make all the excuses we can, and try, by all means, to escape the duty.

Some persons give as springs do. They are always full, whether you go to them or not. You have merely to dip your cup into an ever-flowing stream. These are the *cheerful* givers, and it is a pleasure to go to them. Others give like a pump when the well is dry, there is a great deal of working and creaking, but very little comes of it.

A holy writer says, "In defiance of the world, the *liberal* man will ever be rich; for God's providence is his estate, God's wisdom and power are His defence, God's love and power are his reward, and God's word is his security."

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